

and the Governor's office have worked hard to try to put together something politically expedient. Every piece in this piece of legislation before us has a political expediency in there. We can get by with this, we can get by with that, and we can patch here and we can piece there and we can put a piece of stovepipe wire around this other little end over here and maybe hold it together a little while longer. Well, the tax system is starting to look like the famous Rube Goldberg machinery, getting more and more complicated and less and less workable. We need to go...to proceed toward a fresh approach and we need to do it badly. How long are we going to try to patch this patch? It just can't work. Ladies and gentlemen, regressing to reinstating taxes that are unfairly levied till 20 or 30 years ago are more unfair today than they were then. It puts us at a complete disadvantage competitively with any state that surrounds us and it's doing now and has for the last five months, or six, or a year, been encouraging the innovative people, the people that are developing new ideas, the people that are taking advantage of not having to pay...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ELMER: ...personal property taxes in other states, in the agricultural area especially, to go there to do their things. We're fast losing our advantage. We're fast losing it and it's not just agriculture that will be, it's the entire economic structure of our state that's at risk. You all need to seriously look at what 1063 will, in fact, do. It's going to regress, regress and gradually we're going to lose and lose our status and lose our economic advantage that we have. And I support these amendments that try to show how damaging this bill can be, to those...that section of our economy...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR ELMER: ...that supports our state. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I just wanted to say one more time so anyone that may be listening can digest it over lunch. If you want serious consideration of the constitutional amendment by this one senator anyway, you better have a method in place that isn't perceived as a hammer